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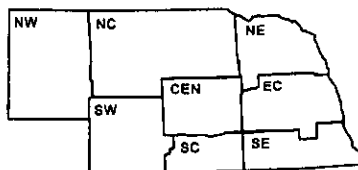
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WEATHER

The temperatures for the week averaged eleven to fourteen degrees above normals across the State. Precipitation was light across the State ranging from a trace to ten hundredths of an inch.

GENERAL

Above normal temperatures during much of December provided open conditions for livestock grazing but has left wheat exposed to wind and cold temperatures, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. December moisture in the form of rain and snow amounted to more than an inch in the north central, south central and southeastern parts of the State. More moisture was needed in the west as only half an inch was recorded for the month. Some reports indicated that elevators continued to pile grain outside in emergency storage. Producer activities during December included delivering

GENERAL (Cont.)

grain, record keeping and financial planning, livestock care, equipment repair and maintenance, and routine chores.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 2% poor, 27% fair, 63% good, and 8% excellent. The lack of snow cover has left the crop unprotected from wind and cold temperatures. However, most reports continued upbeat about current crop condition.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Feed grain, hay and forage supplies were mostly adequate. Limited amounts of snow during the month of December, enabled livestock to make good use of corn stalks which will help stretch feed supplies through the winter.

SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	PERCENT										
Feed Grains - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0
(Percent) - Short	6	2	1	1	2	4	3	0	2	n/a	1
- Adequate	94	96	73	66	95	96	83	100	90	n/a	84
- Surplus	0	2	26	33	3	0	14	0	8	n/a	15
Hay and Forage - Very Short	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	n/a	0
(Percent) - Short	6	14	14	7	11	24	25	13	14	n/a	10
- Adequate	77	80	58	81	87	76	75	86	78	n/a	86
- Surplus	17	6	22	12	2	0	0	0	7	n/a	4

n/a = not available.

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Snow Depth (Inches)
December 29, 1997

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[illegible]**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR
WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1998**

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Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure °C	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	67	8	36	---	.01
	Scottsbluff	67	15	37	+13	.01
	Sidney	63	17	37	---	T
NC	Valentine	68	6	33	+14	.01
NE	Norfolk	57	13	33	+14	T
	Sioux City	53	13	31	+13	.04
CEN	Grand Island	59	13	34	+12	T
	Ord	65	10	34	---	0
EC	Lincoln	56	18	33	+11	.01
	Omaha	54	16	34	+13	T
SW	Imperial	56	16	35	---	.02
	North Platte	62	12	33	+12	T